





WHAT'S WITH THE GLUM FACE, SCIPIO?

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT GAIUS?

AH...
AEMILIUS
...



THAT IDIOT? WHO CARES ABOUT HIM...

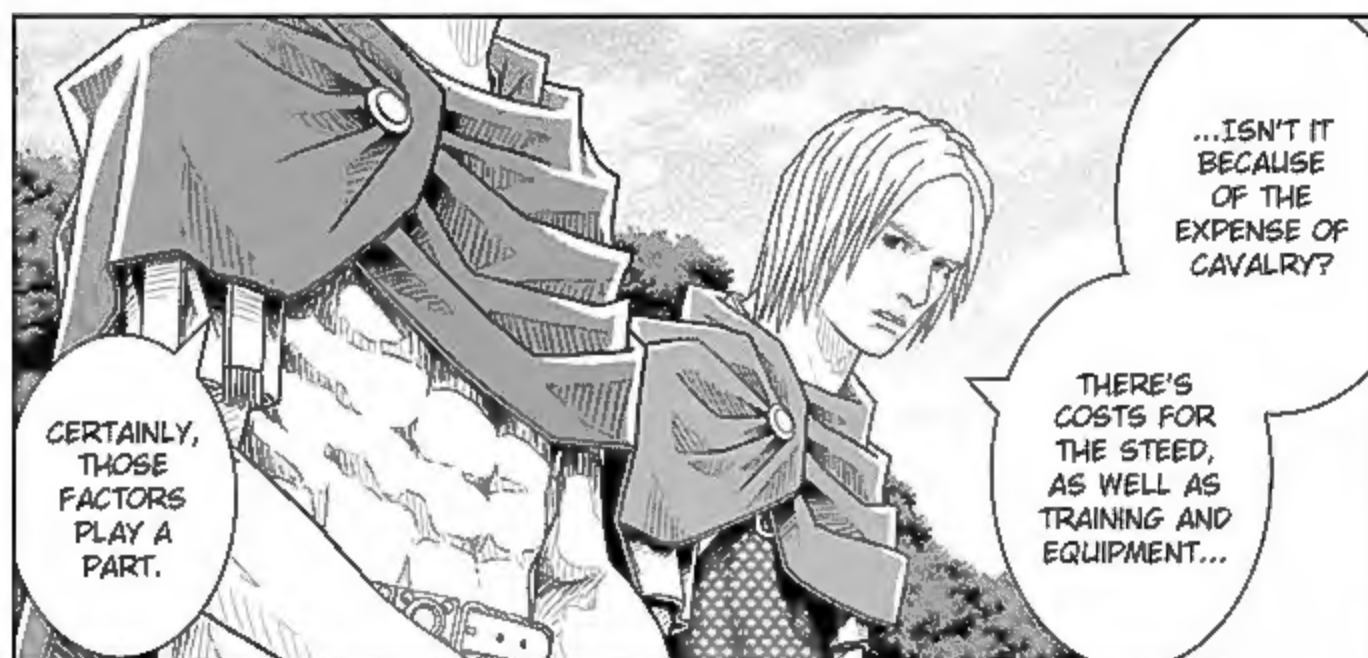


...HM?
WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?

DO YOU KNOW WHY PATRICIANS ARE ALLOWED ON HORSEBACK IN BATTLE?

SCIPIO...









WITHOUT ANY
EASY MEANS TO
RETREAT, THEY
HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO MARCH FACE
FIRST INTO ONE
BATTLE AFTER
ANOTHER.

AND IT IS ONLY
THROUGH THEIR
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN THESE LIFE OR
DEATH STRUGGLES
THAT THEY CAN
HOPE TO RISE
TO A BETTER
STATION.

...BUT THE
FOOT SOLDIERS
OF THE ROMAN
LEGIONS ARE
NOT LIKE US.



WELL,
I CAN'T
BLAME HIM
FOR ACTING
AS HE DID.

A MAN
WHOSE
VERY BIRTH
ASSURED HIM
OF AN EASY
ESCAPE
ROUTE...

TO HAVE ONE'S
ACHIEVEMENTS
BELITTLED BY
A PATRICIAN,

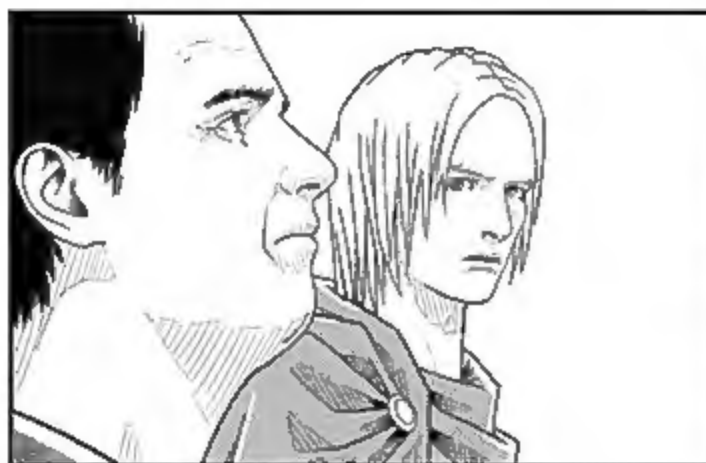


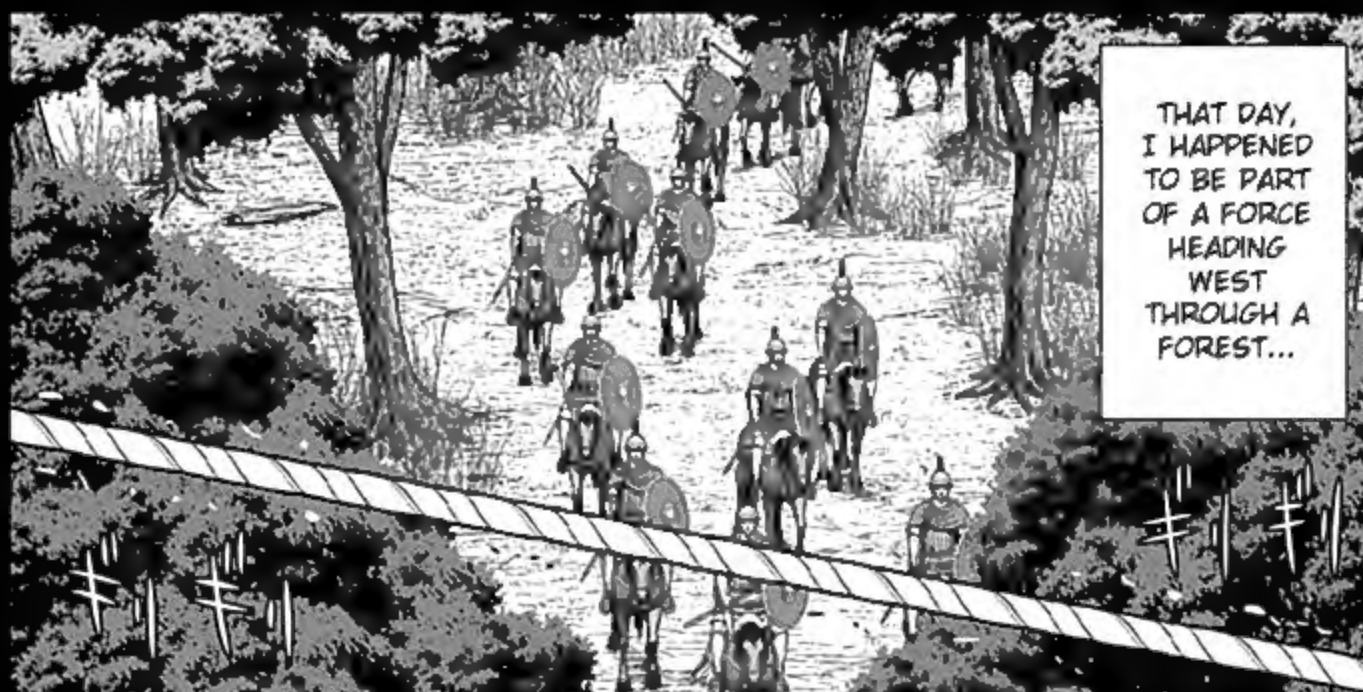
YES,
SIR...



IT IS ALL
TOO EASY
TO SIMPLY
DISMISS
SOMEONE LIKE
HIM AS BEING
AN IDIOT.

BUT ONE
MUST NEVER
FORGET TO
KEEP IN MIND
THE SOCIAL GULF
THAT DIVIDES
PATRICIANS
AND PLEBS.





THAT DAY,
I HAPPENED
TO BE PART
OF A FORCE
HEADING
WEST
THROUGH A
FOREST...



I SWEAR,
YOU KIDS
THESE
DAYS..



N-NO,
NOT AT
ALL.

HEY,
NEW GUY,
DON'T TELL
ME YOU'RE
GETTING
SCARED
ALREADY?



S-
SORRY,
SIR..

THE ENEMY
IS STILL A
WHILE UP
AHEAD.

IF YOU
START LOSING
YOUR NERVE
NOW, YOU'RE
NOT GOING TO
HOLD UP UNTIL
THE REAL
THING.





**I-IT'S
A TRAP!**





バキバキ...

バキバキバキ

WAAAAH

AHH

オオオオ

AMBUSH!
ON YOUR
GUARD!



IT'S THE
CARTHA-
GINIAN
SOLDIERS!

DAMN
IT!



ISN'T
RUNNING
AWAY A
PUNISH-
ABLE
OFFENCE!?

R-
RETREAT
!?

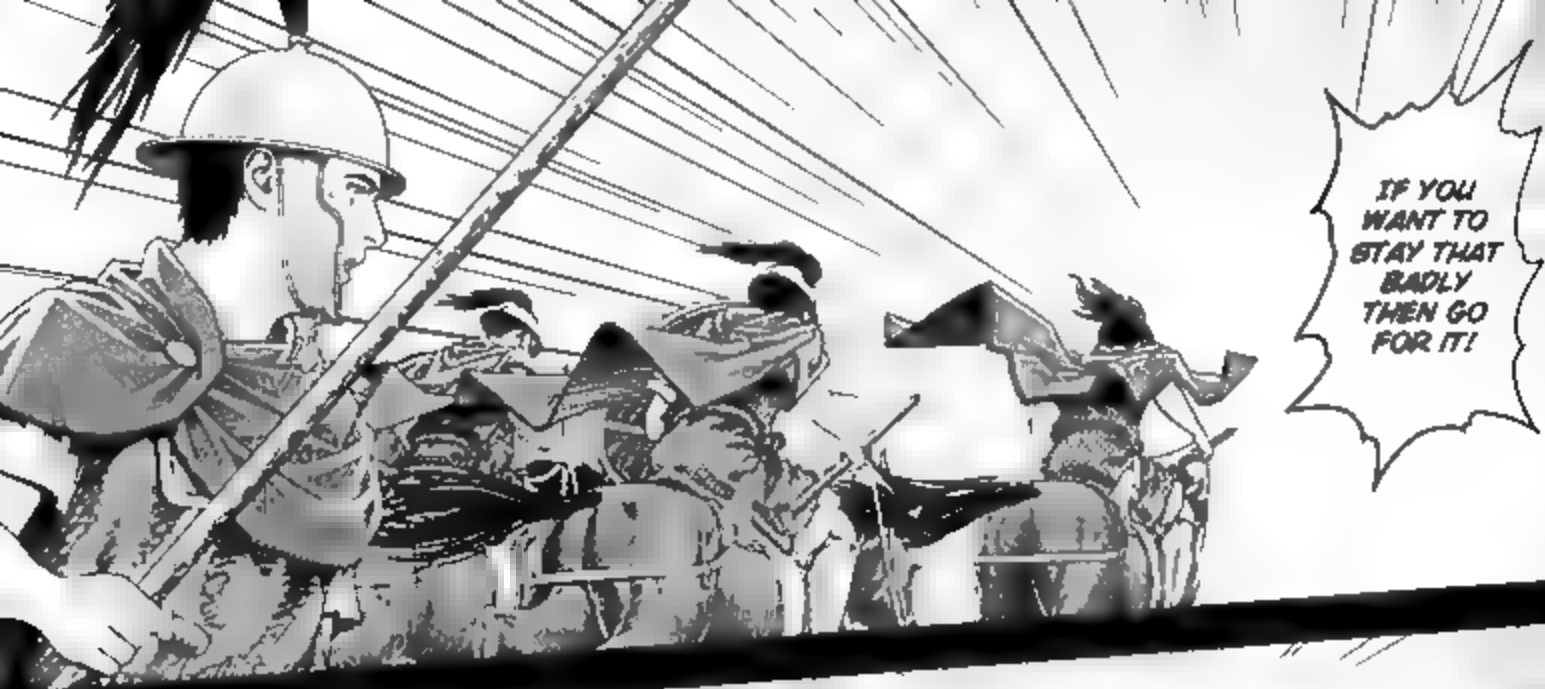
WE'RE
GETTING
OUT OF
HERE!
RETREAT!



B-
BUT...

JUST THINK
OF IT AS A
TEMPORARY
WITHDRAWAL
SO WE CAN
REGROUP!







Y-YES, SIR!

SCREW THEM!
WE'LL CUT RIGHT THROUGH THEM!

INFANTRY ENGAGED IN BATTLE STRAIGHT AHEAD OF US!

HAH



OUT OF THE WAY, FILTHY PLEBS! OPEN A PATH!



GET OUT OF OUR WAY!



U-



UWAH!

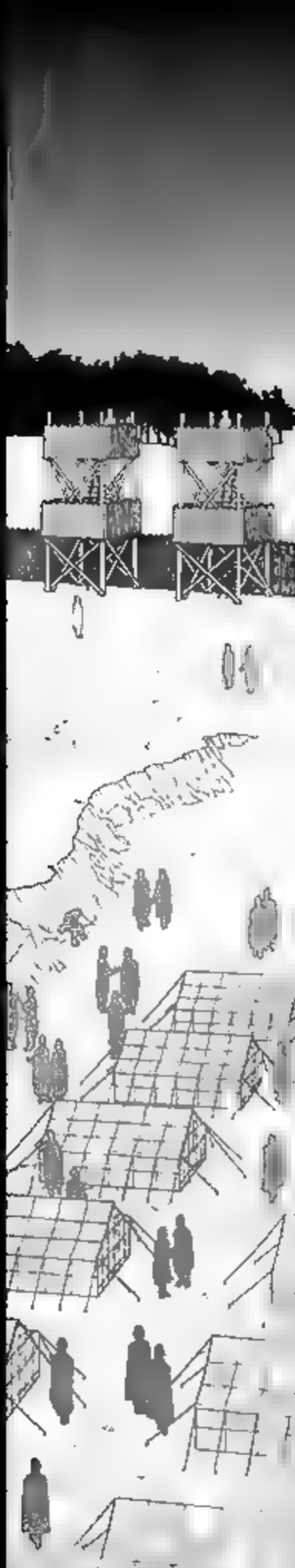




MINUCIUS...



**THIS
WAS AN
ORDER...**

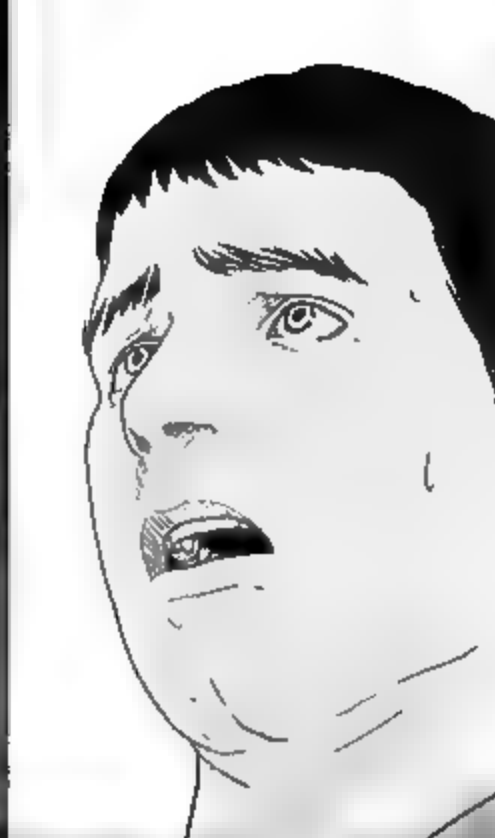






YOU...
RAN AWAY,
DIDN'T YOU?







BUT
NONETHELESS...
HIS UNCHECKED
BEHAVIOUR OF
LATE MUST BE
STOPPED AT
ALL COST.

PERHAPS
IT IS TRUE
THAT I
HARDLY
HAVE THE
RIGHT...

TO CAUTION
MINUCIUS
AGAINST HIS
RECENT
CONDUCT.



BECAUSE
HANNIBAL...



WHAT
WAS
THAT?



FROM
THAT DAY
ONWARDS...
I ENDEAV-
OURED TO
AVOID
MINUCIUS
...

AND
CONTINUED
DOWN MY
PATH AS A
PROPER
PATRICIAN.

WHILE
MINUCIUS,
CHOSE TO
PLACE HIS
TRUST SOLELY
IN THE SWORD
THAT SAVED
HIS LIFE,

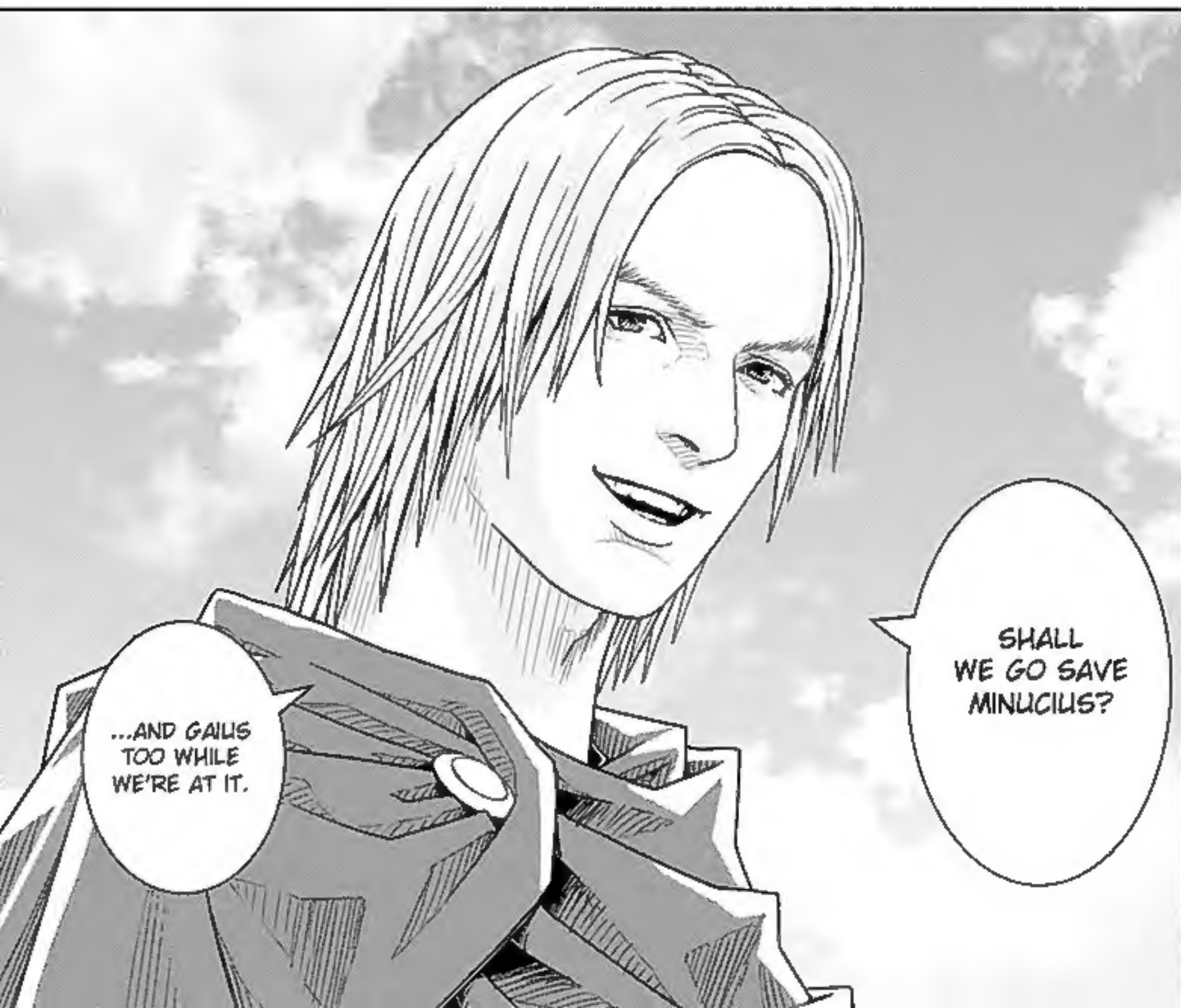
AND CLIMBED
HIS WAY UP
TO THE TOP OF
ROMAN SOCIETY
THROUGH
HIS MANY
EXPLOITS



I REPEAT,
MINUCIUS'
FORCES
ARE-

MINUCIUS'
FORMA-
TIONS
ARE IN
CHAOS,
HIS
DEFEAT
IS IMMI-
NENT!

MINUCIUS'
FORCES
HAVE BEEN
AMBUSHED
BY HANNIBAL!
THEY ARE
CURRENTLY
ENGAGED IN
BATTLE!



...AND GAIUS
TOO WHILE
WE'RE AT IT.

SHALL
WE GO SAVE
MINUCIUS?



THE
TIME HAS
COME...

FOR YOU TO
MAKE RIGHT
WHAT YOU
COULD NOT DO
TWENTY
YEARS AGO.



MINUCIUS
...

AS I
THOUGHT,
HE SIMPLY
ISN'T A
MATCH FOR
HANNIBAL...



AEMIILIUS...





THERE
IS NOT A
MOMENT
TO LOSE.

WE NEED
TO MARCH TO
MINUCIUS' AID
IMMEDIATELY.



FABIUS.



IN WHICH
CASE, I TOO,
SHALL NOW
RESPOND
ACCORDINGLY
AS A WARRIOR
OF ROME.



ALL WHILE
DECLARING
THAT HE
HAD NO NEED
OF MY
ASSISTANCE.

YESTERDAY,
A WARRIOR OF
ROME DECIDED
TO SPURN THE
WARNING OF
LOGIC, AND
HEAD TO THE
BATTLEFIELD.

